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The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 1534 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 1534 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/723,486

Applicant(s)

DEFREITAS ET AL.

Examiner

ELLSWORTH WEATHERBY

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/05/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 57-100.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other edanCLM03052010.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ivan Kavrukov (Reg. No. 25,161) on 04/09/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1-56 have been canceled.

Claim 58, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57 in which" has been changed to --The method of claim 57, wherein--.

Claim 59, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57 in which" has been changed to --The method of claim 57, wherein--.

Claim 60, Line 1, "A method as in claim 59 in which" has been changed to --The method of claim 59, wherein--.

Claim 61, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57 in which" has been changed to --The

method of claim 57, wherein--.

Claim 62, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57 in which" has been changed to --The method of claim 57, wherein--.

Claim 63, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57 in which" has been changed to --The method of claim 57, wherein--.

Claim 64, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57 in which" has been changed to --The method of claim 57, wherein--.

Claim 65, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57 in which" has been changed to --The method of claim 57, wherein--.

Claim 66, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57 in which" has been changed to --The method of claim 57, wherein--.

Claim 67, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57 in which" has been changed to --The method of claim 57, wherein--.

Claim 68, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57 in which" has been changed to --The method of claim 57, wherein--.

Claim 69, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57 in which" has been changed to --The method of claim 57, wherein--.

Claim 70, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57 in which" has been changed to --The method of claim 57, wherein--.

Claim 71, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57 in which" has been changed to --The method of claim 57, wherein--.

Claim 72, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57 in which" has been changed to --The method of claim 57, wherein--.

Claim 73, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57 in which" has been changed to --The method of claim 57, wherein--.

Claim 74, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57" has been changed to --The method of claim 57--.

Claim 75, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57" has been changed to --The method of claim 57--.

Claim 76, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57" has been changed to --The method of claim 57--.

Claim 77, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57 in which" has been changed to --The method of claim 57, wherein--.

Claim 78, Line 1, "A method as in claim 57 in which" has been changed to --The method of claim 57, wherein--.

Claim 79, Line 3, "support immobilizing" has been changed to --support configured to immobilize--.

Line 5, "support selectively moving" has been changed to --support configured to selectively move--.

Line 7, "control selectively energizing" has been changed to --control configured to selectively energize--.

Line 13, "x-ray source applies" has been changed to --x-ray source is configured to apply--.

Line 17, "anti-scatter grid selectively movable" has been changed to --anti-scatter grid configured to be selectively movable--.

Line 20, "processor using" has been changed to --processor configured to use--.

Lines 21-22, "mammogram image and tomosynthesis images of the breast" has been changed to --mammogram image for display and tomosynthesis images of the breast for display--.

Claim 80, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 in which the control energizes" has been changed to --The system of claim 79, wherein the control is configured to energize--.

Claim 81, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 in which the control energizes" has been changed to --The system of claim 79, wherein the control is configured to energize--.

Claim 82, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 in which the control energizes" has been changed to --The system of claim 79, wherein the control is configured to energize--.

Claim 83, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 in which the control energizes" has been changed to --The system of claim 79, wherein the control is configured to energize--.

Claim 84, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 in which the control energizes" has

been changed to --The system of claim 79, wherein the control is configured to energize--.

Claim 85, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 in which the processor forms" has been changed to --The system of claim 79, wherein the processor is configured to form--.

Claim 86, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 in which the processor forms" has been changed to --The system of claim 79, wherein the processor is configured to form--.

Claim 87, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 in which the control places" has been changed to --The system of claim 79, wherein the control is configured to place--.

Claim 88, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 in which the control places" has been changed to --The system of claim 79, wherein the control is configured to place--.

Claim 89, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 in which the control places" has been changed to --The system of claim 79, wherein the control is configured to place--.

Claim 90, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 in which the control places" has been changed to --The system of claim 79, wherein the control is configured to place--.

Claim 91, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 in which the control energizes" has been changed to --The system of claim 79, wherein the control is configured to energize--.

Claim 92, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 in which the source" has been changed to --The system of claim 79, wherein the source--.

Claim 93, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 in which the source emits" has been changed to--The system of claim 79, wherein the source is configured to emit--.

Claim 94, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 in which the source emits" has been changed to--The system of claim 79, wherein the source is configured to emit--.

Claim 95, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 in which the control moves" has

been changed to--The system of claim 79, wherein the control is configured to move--.

Claim 96, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 including at least one display" has been changed to --The system of claim 79, comprising at least one display configured for--.

Claim 97, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 including at least one display" has been changed to --The system of claim 79, comprising at least one display configured for--.

Claim 98, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 including at least one display" has been changed to --The system of claim 79, comprising at least one display configured for--.

Claim 99, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 in which the processor forms" has been changed to --The system of claim 79, wherein the processor is configured to form--.

Claim 100, Line 1, "A system as in claim 79 in which the processor forms" has been changed to --The system of claim 79, wherein the processor is configured to form--.

Claims 101-122, Have been canceled.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art discloses acquiring variable dosage tomosynthesis for dose management. However, the present invention acquires tomosynthesis and mammographic images on the same device where the tomosynthesis images are acquired at a lower dose than the mammography images. It is not obvious to modify the prior art to acquire mammography images because the prior art merely attempts to reduce exposure for tomosynthesis image and there is no suggestion or motivation to acquire a higher dose mammography image.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ELLSWORTH WEATHERBY whose telephone number is (571) 272-2248. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long Le can be reached on (571) 272-2248. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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